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2103, DISEASES OF WILD ANIMALS OF THE NORTH.

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING DATED 23 JUNE TO DR. E.E
SEROECHKOVSKY, CENTRAL LABORATORY OF NATURE CONSERVATION,
USSR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV, HYDRO-
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2. 02.05-2104 JUNE 23, 1977

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DR. SEROECHKOVSKY:

UNDER ACTIVITIES A-3, WILDLIFE DISEASES, AND A-4, UNGULATE
ECOLOGY, PROJECT 02.0-21, PROTECTION OF NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MEMORANDUM OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE
US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE, SEVERAL EXCHANGES WERE AGREED UPON.

I UNDERSTAND SOME CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE. WE NEED TO DIS-

CUSS THESE FURTHER AND TO MAKE PLANS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THESE VISITS.

3. ACTIVITY A-3: THE US SIDE WILL SEND A DELEGATION OF THREE SPECIALISTS (POSSIBLY) FOUR TO MAGADAN IN AUGUST, AS ARRANGED WITH DR. KONTRIMAVICHUS. THE DELEGATION IS COMPOSED OF KENNETH NEILAND, DR. ROBERT RAUSCH AND MRS. RAUSCH. DR. KONTRIMAVICHUS WOULD LIKE A FOURTH PERSON - DR. EVERETT SCHILLER - TO COME ALSO, BUT AT THIS TIME, DR. SCHILLER HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO GET THE NECESSARY FUNDS. THE DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE IN Khabarovsk ON THURSDAY, 28 JULY VIA JAPAN AIRLINES AND LEAVE THE USSR VIA Khabarovsk ON THURSDAY, 23 AUGUST. THEY WILL NEED VISAS TO COVER VISITS IN Khabarovsk, Magadan, Chita, AND TAIGONOS. PLEASE MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET CONSULATE IN WASHINGTON ASAP.

4. ACTIVITY A-3 AND A-4: I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE COMBINED THE TWO PROPOSED SOVIET VISITS TO THE US INTO ONE THREE MAN DELEGATION WHICH WILL INCLUDE DR. ZABRODIN, DR. USPENSKY AND ONE OTHER. IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO SATISFY THE INTERESTS OF BOTH ACTIVITIES SO I NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION PREFERS. AT PRESENT WE ARE ASSUMING THAT THE DELEGATION IS INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN CARIBOU, AND, UNCLASSIFIED

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THEREFORE, WE HAVE PLANNED ACCORDINGLY. DR. DAVID KLEIN WILL RECEIVE THE DELEGATION ON A SENDING SIDE PAYS BASIS DURING THE PERIOD JULY 10-31. PLEASE ADVISE ME AT ONCE OF DELEGATION MEMBERS AND CONFIRMATION OF DATES; TIME IS SHORT NOW FOR ADEQUATE PLANNING.

5. ACTIVITY A-4: VISIT OF US SPECIALIST TO THE USSR. UNDER THE REINDEER HUSBANDRY EXCHANGE PROGRAM, IT WAS PROPOSED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE THAT A THREE MAN DELEGATION OF US SPECIALISTS WOULD VISIT NORILSK AND YAKUTSK FOR FAMILIARIZATION WITH REINDEER MANAGEMENT AND SLAUGHTER PRACTICES. THE US SIDE HAS EXPRESSED THE DESIRE ALSO TO SEND A DELEGATION OF UP TO FIVE ALASKA ESKIMOS TO THESE PLACES AT THE SAME TIME OR SEPARATELY. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SOVIET SIDE HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE A COMBINED DELEGATION, INCLUDING FOUR PEOPLE FROM THE ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATION, DURING THE PERIOD MID AUGUST THROUGH MID SEPTEMBER. IF THIS PROPOSAL IS TRUE WE HAVE SOME PROBLEMS THAT NEED TO BE RESOLVED:

A. THIS PROPOSED TIMING WILL NOT PERMIT US DELEGATION TO OBSERVE THE OCTOBER ROUNDUP AND SLAUGHTER OF REINDEER IN

YAKUTSK AND NORILSK AREAS AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. THE US SPECIALISTS DEFINITELY WOULD PREFER OCTOBER IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THIS IMPORTANT PURPOSE. AN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER

VISIT WOULD NOT ACCOMPLISH THIS PURPOSE. I HOPE YOU CAN ARRANGE FOR THIS CHANGE IN DATES.

B. A COMBINED US DELEGATION AS YOU PROPOSED IS DESIRABLE PROVIDED ALL INTERESTS CAN BE SERVED. THE 3 MAN DELEGATION AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE WILL INCLUDE DR. LUICK, (REINDEER NUTRITION AND PHYSIOLOGY) AND DR. DIETRICH (REINDEER DISEASES) FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, AND DR. MARGARET MEYER (BRUCELLOSIS SPECIALIST) FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. DR. MEYER WOULD BE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSON IDENTIFIED IN ACTIVITY A-3 (INFECTIOUS DISEASES) OF THE MEMORANDUM. ALL THREE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THEIR SOVIET COLLEAGUES IN NORILSK AND YAKUTSK. THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE NANA CORPORATION ARE READY TO VISIT THE USSR AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SOVIET SIDE AS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM. THEIR INTEREST DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM THE OTHER THREE MAN DELEGATION. THEY ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN SPEAKING WITH SOVIET HERDERS, VISITING THE SCHOOL FOR HERDERS IN DUDINKA AND OBSERVING REINDEER ROUNDUP AND SLAUGHTER IN THE NORILSK OR YAKUTSK AREA.

C. I NEED TO KNOW SOON IF YOU CAN ACCEPT THESE DELEGATIONS; IF BOTH INTERESTS CAN BE SERVED, OR WHETHER THE DELEGATION SHOULD BE SEPARATED; AND IF THE VISIT CAN BE IN OCTOBER AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. RAISA SRIABINE WILL BE IN MOSCOW 1 - 10 JULY AND WILL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS IN GREATER DETAIL WITH YOU.

6. THESE QUESTIONS NEED TO BE RESOLVED, EVGENY, OR WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SATISFACTORILY CARRY OUT OUR PROTOCOL COMMITMENTS. PLEASE MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AND RESPOND SOON.

BEST WISHES, RONALD O. SKOOG. CHRISTOPHER

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